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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN INTEREST IN PURCHASING SENSORS

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1. DEPARTMENT AND DOD HAVE REVIEWED ISSUE OF EYPTIAN INTEREST IN PURCHASING SENSORS (REFTEL). WE HAVE NO PROBLEM IN PRINCIPLE WITH SALE TO GOE OF A PASSIVE LISTENING SYSTEM SUCH AS THAT USED AT SFM. SENSORS OF THIS TYPE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSING PROCEDURES. COST WOULD BE RELATIVELY LOW, AND THERE WOULD BE NO REQUIREMENT FOR CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF SALE.

2. HAVING SAID THIS, EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE OF FACT THAT
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TACTICAL SENSORS USED AT SFM WERE DEVELOPED BY U.S. MILITARY; COMMERCIALY DEVELOPED MODELS (I.E. BURGLAR/PERIMETER TYPE ALARMS) PRESUMABLY WOULD NOT BE OF INTEREST TO GOE. CONCERNING TACTICAL SENSORS, THERE ARE VIRTUALLY NONE IN DOD INVENTORY IN EXCESS OF CURRENT OR PROJECTED U.S. REQUIREMENTS. FURTHERMORE, DOD HAS NO FIRM PLANS FOR FOLLOW-ON PRODUCTION OF THESE OR SIMILAR SENSORS. FYI: WE KNOW

OF NO COMPARABLE EUROPEAN SYSTEM. END FYI.

3. WE WOULD ANTICIPATE NO PROBLEM WITH GOE PURCHASE OF SUCH SENSORS FROM U.S. COMMERCIAL SOURCES IF REQUIREMENTS WERE SUFFICIENTLY LARGE TO JUSTIFY OPENING UP OF PRODUCTION LINES USING DOD TECHNOLOGY. HOWEVER, PURSUIT OF THIS COURSE IS PREMATURE. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO EVALUATE UTILITY OF SENSOR SYSTEM FOR GOE PURPOSES, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THIS WOULD BE USEFUL SYSTEM IN CONTEXT OF MONITORING MOVEMENTS IN "VAST AND EMPTY" DESERT AREAS BORDERING ON LIBYA. IF GOE HOPES TO DETECT INFILTRATION OF INDIVIDUALS OR SMALL GROUPS, THEN SYSTEM PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE SUITABLE FOR ANY GEOGRAPHICALLY EXTENSIVE COVERAGE. ON OTHER HAND, IF PURPOSE IS TO GIVE ADVANCE WARNING OF MAJOR INCURSION, SYSTEM DEPLOYED ACROSS LIMITED NUMBER OF POTENTIAL INVASION ROUTES WOULD BE WORTH CONSIDERATION IN COMPARISON WITH OTHER MEANS AT GOE DISPOSAL.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SHAWKAT MAY BE PLANNING TO VISIT U.S. IN NEAR FUTURE. DURING SUCH VISIT, WE WOULD BE PLEASED FURTHER TO DISCUSS SENSORS WITH HIM. CHRISTOPHER

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